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CUSTOMS AND TARIFF LAW

WILL THEY APPLY TO HAWAII ON JANUARY FIRST.

Leading Authority Conjectures That Such will be the Case—Expected Changes.

There has been no end of street discussion this week on the question of whether American tariff laws would be extended to Hawaii at once, or at the beginning of the fiscal year which is July 1st.

A man in a position to know as well as anybody else is author of the opinion that January 1st is the date selected by the administration.

"If it were not so," argues he, "the bill extending the laws would not have been hurried through Congress."

A report has gained credence in the United States that local parties were importing large quantities of certain foreign products to escape the high American tariff when it is put into effect. However false the story may have been it doubtless have the effect of hastening matters.

The change will mean a great deal here. There will at once be a revolution in the customs department. Foreign vessels will be driven out of the trade between Honolulu and the coast. American goods will be landed without inspection, as if from island ports. There will be no searching of San Francisco and Seattle trunks.

In place of a decrease, however, there will be an increase in customs business. This will be the first American port reached by Oriental and Australian steamers. Their invoices will be examined and they will be all searched here. All the care exercised at San Francisco will be transferred to this port.

The general option law will apply at once with other tariff regulations. This prescribes a duty of 80 a pound. The opening of a channel for the admission of the drug to Chinese, it is believed, will put an end to smuggling. It is not believed that there will any longer be money in the business.

An official authority does not believe there will be a change in the personnel of the customs house. Mr. McStocker will doubtless be the collector and general head, although he may have a "coacher" from the states for a time. The rank and file will either be accepted *holus bolus* into the civil service, or given a year in which to qualify.

STOCK EXCHANGE.

Dividends: December 30, Inter-Island, 3 per cent; December 31, C. Brewer & Co., 1 per cent; Hawaiian Agricultural, 15 per cent; Ewa, 2 1/2 per cent; Waimea, 1 per cent.

Bids: Ewa, 250; Hawaiian Sugar, 160; Kahuku, 120; Oahu paid up, 140; Olowalu, 120; Pacific Sugar, 235; Waimea, 120; Government 6's, 100; Government 5's, 95; Postal Savings 4 1/2's, 90; Oahu Railway bonds, 100.

Asked: Ewa, 260; Hawaiian Sugar, 165; Kahuku, 125; Oahu, assessable, 95; Oahu, paid up, 150; Waianae, 190; Hawaiian Electric, 200; Postal Savings 4 1/2's, 100.

ISLAND METEOROLOGY.

Purser Hansman of the James M. Keck reports good weather at Kapa. The W. G. Hall was discharging its freight at Elele last night; the Mikahala at Waimea loading sugar. The Waialeale was to leave at 10 p. m. last night. The Ke An Hou was at Hanalei.

Purser Nelson of the Kauai reports the sea too rough at Kapa to discharge on December 24th, but fine weather and smooth sea since Christmas.

PAYING INSTITUTION.

The government's share of the receipts from fines actually paid into the police court for the first thirty days of December amounts to over \$2,000. Half as much again goes to informers and others in the way of rewards.

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INCREASE OF POPULATION

FIGURES SHOW THAT 2,305 WHITE PEOPLE HAVE REMAINED.

Total Population has Advanced Nearly 7,000 During the Last Six Months of the Year 1898.

The population of the Islands has been actually increased by 6,715 since July 1st.

Yesterday's Star gave the figures for those who arrived in Honolulu during the last six months, but no notice was taken of the departures. To arrive at a proper estimate of how much the population has increased, really, from outside, and not considering births and deaths within the limits of the territory, these must be taken into account.

The total arrivals as stated yesterday, excluding soldiers, amounted to 9,458. The total departures during the six months under review amount, with the allowance made, to 2,743, giving a net addition to the population of 6,715. Now this is for six months only, but certainly a marvelous six months in the history of the Islands. At the last census, taken two years ago, the number was 109,040. This increase alone would raise the population to nearly 116,000, and for the other eighteen months it is not out of the way to estimate 4,000 increase, taking into consideration births and deaths, so that the population must now be about 120,000.

Of this increase in population from without, Americans and Europeans can claim a large percentage of permanent settlers, for of 4,019 who came to the Islands, 1,744 returned, leaving a residuum of 2,305 whites in residence. Of the Japanese, 4,110 arrived in the six months, and 606 returned home, leaving an increase of that nationality of 3,504. On the other hand, 1,299 Chinese entered, and 393 returned to their country, leaving 906 as an addition to the population from the Celestial empire.

The influence of annexation is seen in this. There has never in the history of the Islands, been so large an influx of resident whites as has occurred during the last six months. It means that the white man sees his way to making a living here and the process of growth in the Anglo-Saxon and Latin sections of the community will be by no means slow.

KAWAIAHAO'S CHRISTMAS.

Tree and Appropriate Exercises Last Evening.

Kawaiaha'o Sunday school room was the scene of pretty Christmas tree exercises last evening. Superintendent Henry Waterhouse and Assistant Superintendent D. L. Naone had charge. The latter was among the most active in arranging the affair. Harry W. Lahilahi impersonated Santa Claus in a very effective manner.

The room in which the exercises were held and the tree arranged was beautifully decorated. The tree itself was also very pretty indeed. After short exercises the lights were turned off, leaving only the candles of the tree burning. The effect was excellent. The room was crowded with pupils of the Sunday school and Kawaiaha'o seminary.

BENEFIT ENTERTAINMENT.

Elaborate preparations are under way to make the benefit entertainment at the Orpheum theater, for the crew of the City of Columbia, a success. In addition to the full strength of the regular talent of the Orpheum, there will be a number of pictures by the Cineograph and local talent will also assist with popular songs. Berger's orchestra will be in attendance and a large house and enjoyable evening is assured. The cause for which the proceeds are to be applied is a worthy one and no doubt a nice sum will be realized. Tickets are now on sale.

AN ATTRACTIVE SIGHT.

The millinery goods displayed at L. B. Kerr's big Queen street store is one of the most attractive sights in the city.

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INTERESTING READING.

Everyone should read what L. B. Kerr has to say in his advertising space in this issue. It is of interest to consumers.

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Is the latest in picture mouldings. King Bros. have an elegant assortment of all sorts of the latest novelties in mat papers and framing materials, personally selected by Will C. King.

LUMBER IS VERY SCARCE

DEALERS REPORT A SHORTAGE OF MATERIAL.

Unprecedented Demand Decimates the Supply—Shipments are Anxiously Awaited.

There is a great scarcity of lumber in the Honolulu market. For some weeks dealers have been very short and a "famine" has threatened. The Chinese lumber concern in town has had the largest supply, having received a shipment just before the shortage came. Lewers & Cooke were relieved by the arrival of the Skagit a few days ago. In the words of a member of the firm, Wilder & Co. haven't enough lumber on hand to build a dog house.

"The unprecedented demand caused the shortage," said a lumber dealer this morning. "The last six months have formed a busy period among the builders. Houses of all sizes and kinds have been going up, and the strain upon the lumber market has been greater than the supply could stand."

"Though not generally known the lumber for the military barracks at Camp McKinley was all purchased here. Not a foot of it was imported by the government. The lumber that was brought by the Charles Nelson for the United States government was all used in the construction of stables at Twil, and for odds and ends at the camp. When the 280,000 feet arrived by the Garonne, the barracks were nearly completed with Honolulu material. I was told by an official a few days ago that that lumber would very likely be sent on to Manila."

Wilder & Co. had had luck with one shipment, which precipitated their shortage. The Klifikat, which left the Sound in November with a full cargo, struck a storm when 700 miles down, sprung a leak, and had to put back. She was repaired and is now fourteen or fifteen days out. Other lumber cargoes are nearly due. If good time is made by them the first of the year may witness a different state of things.

ILLUMINANT DISPLAY.

Will be Given at the Band Concert Tonight.

There is to be something of interest besides the music at the band concert tonight at the Hawaiian hotel. The grounds are to be illuminated with the Washington Incandescent Lamp, the newest thing science has developed in the illuminating line. Colonel Macfarlane saw the light in use at the Midsummer Jinks of the Bohemian club in the Redwood forests of the Russian river country in California a few months ago. The whole forest was lighted up. He was so impressed with the effect that he readily consented to an exhibition of it on the Hawaiian hotel grounds.

The illuminating material is kerosene fed to the lamp in the form of gas through a wire as small as a knitting needle. The light is said to be as bright as an arc light, but perfectly steady and diffused like daylight so that there is not the drawback of shadows there is usually to strong artificial lights.

H. N. Almy, of Boston, who is here with this new invention, intends to ask permission to illuminate Emma square on some night when a band concert is given there.

If all that is claimed for the light is true, and that by this new method of using kerosene, gas and electric lights are to be displaced, it simply shows how everything seems to play into the hands of the Standard Oil Company.

CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

The regular weekly meeting of the Christian Workers will be held Friday afternoon, December 30th, at 3:30, at the Y. M. C. A. hall. The meeting will be led by Rev. Mr. Howe. A cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

IMPORTANT LEASE.

E. O. Hall & Son have secured from the Austin estate in Boston a fifty years lease of the lot and property included in their business corner at Fort and King streets. The new three story building to go up there will be erected by the local firm.

SYMPTOMS OF PNEUMONIA.

Pains in the chest when a person has a cold indicate a tendency toward pneumonia. A piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and bound on the chest over the seat of the pain will promptly relieve the pain and prevent the threatened attack of pneumonia. This same treatment will cure a lame back in a few hours. Sold by all druggists and dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., wholesale agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

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PAPER FLOWER MATERIALS.

New stock of plain and crepe tissue papers and materials for paper flower work. Wire forms for electric light and lamp shades. King Bros. art store.

FILIPINO AGENTS COMING

AGUINALDO'S COMMISSIONERS TO WASHINGTON.

Intend to Make the Best Terms Possible With the United States—Military Cable and Telegraph.

Aguinaldo seems to keep a watchful eye on events. As soon as it became known what the fate of the Philippines was to be, even before the treaty of Paris was signed, he appointed commissioners to the United States.

"These commissioners," said Lieutenant Ben E. Calkins of the First Montana, who is a returning passenger on the Doric, "were to have come by this vessel. But for some reason they were delayed and they will come on the Nippon Maru. Just what they expect to do is not known very definitely, but they hope to get some sort of recognition for the Filipino government. They want the cession of some of the Islands of the Philippine group to the Filipinos or an indemnity of some kind. They are alive to the situation and want to make the most of it."

"When we left the naval and military forces were just commencing work on a plan to unite all the Islands and all the principal places in the Philippines by cable and telegraph. This plan will involve the laying of some cable and the stringing of considerable wire. A requisition for the needed material has already been sent to Washington. There is some material on hand, enough to make quite a beginning of the work."

"The soldiers are becoming acclimated to the country. There is still a good deal of sickness, but it is of kinds for which the soldiers individually are responsible. At first everybody had fever, due to the climate. Few escaped some touch of it. That has abated now, and health rests with the individuals."

DEATH OF MRS. HAMMER.

Mrs. Charles Hammer, widow of the late Charles Hammer, died at 11 o'clock this morning, after an illness of about six weeks, at her home at the corner of Liliha and King streets. The funeral will be held at 4 o'clock this afternoon from her late residence, the Masons, of which fraternity her late husband was a member, will take charge of the funeral.

ITALIAN CAPTAIN CALLS.

Captain Giovello of the Italian cruiser Etna called upon President Dole in the Executive chamber this morning. He was accompanied and introduced by Italian Consul E. A. Schaefer. With the president at the time were Minister Cooper, Minister Damon, Attorney General Smith and staff officers Colonel Soper and Major Potter. During the pleasant informal part of the interview, lasting about fifteen minutes, Captain Giovello stated that he had visited Honolulu twice before.

After the call upon the President, the captain and consul drove to the United States legation at Waikiki and called upon Minister Sewall. They returned to the city at noon.

A NEW CALENDAR.

E. O. Hall & Son issued yesterday afternoon their Kalakaua dollar calendar for the year 1899. It gives the dates, number of days and the changes of the moon in complete form. In the back is a calendar for 1898, 1899 and 1900.

PROFESSOR MAXWELL.

Walter Maxwell has been commissioned special agent and correspondent for Hawaii of the United States Department of Agriculture.

A ROWING TROPHY.

The handsome silver plated cup won by the Healan Juniors on the afternoon of September 10th last is on exhibition in the window of the Pacific Hardware Company. It was imported by the hardware concern, and becomes the permanent property of the club winning it.

Glance at our Windows; they tell of Christmas.

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Church fairs, festivals, socials and candy dealers supplied with the purest goods at bottom prices. New England Bakery and Candy Company.

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That a special sale of handkerchiefs and gloves is now in progress at Sachs store. A dozen nice embroidered or hemstitched handkerchiefs or a half dozen pairs of kid gloves makes a useful present and is always appreciated.

VERDICT RENDERED.

The unanimous verdict of the general public is: "After careful examination, we are forced to give our verdict in favor of The Golden Rule Bazaar for having the best line of up-to-date books in Honolulu, and the best place to buy anything in the way of dolls and toys. Verdict unanimous."

FRESH IMPORTS.

By the S. S. Australia, Camarinos received cherries, rhubarb, asparagus, celery, cauliflower, fresh salmon, crabs, flounders, oysters (in tins and shell), apples, grapes figs, lemons, Burbank potatoes, pure olive oil, dried fruit, new crop of nuts, raisins, etc. California Fruit Market, King Street.

COLUMBIA MATTER AGAIN

MOTION TO SELL STEAMER TEN DAYS HENCE.

Exceptions in Pork Packing Company Case—Supreme Court Takes a Recess.

In the Columbia case W. J. Smith and others have filed in the Circuit Court a motion to have attorneys' fees allowed by the court to the petitioners in the libel, fixed at \$1,000; also that the sale of the steamer Columbia be ordered to take place within ten days from the signing of the order and direction to be issued by the court to the marshal in the premises. Judge Perry has signed an order to the Marshal for the delivery to W. J. Smith a piano and two chronometers on the Columbia, claimed as private property.

Account sales of land belonging to the estate of S. L. Kekumano, Jr., a minor, was today approved by Judge Perry. One-third interest in land at Kamakela was purchased by W. C. Achi for \$400. Land on Molokai sold to W. L. Wilcox for \$1,050.

Replications to returns were today made in the cases of the Chinese passengers by the Gaelic, now before the court under writs of habeas corpus. A. S. Cleghorn, administrator, has been allowed sixty days to file his account in the matter of the estate of the late Antone Philippe.

Plaintiff's bill of exceptions in the assumed matter of F. F. Porter vs. Hawaiian Pork Packing Company was filed today.

At 10 o'clock this morning the supreme court took a recess to 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to consider the decision of the Davis contempt matter.

PUBLIC CONCERT.

The band will give a concert at the Hawaiian hotel this evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. Among the numbers will be the Italian anthem, to be played in honor of the officers and men of the Etna. This is the program complete:

PART I.

Overture—Victor Emmanuel Kling Chorus—Tannhauser Wagner Reminiscences of Verdi Godfrey (a) Duet—Whispering Hope The Misses Kellian. (b) Keep Your Promise Jack Miss C. Makawala. (c) Song—Malana, Pih Aoao Mrs. I. Alepai.

PART II.

Cornet Solo—Don't be Cross (by request) Zeller Charles Kreuter. Intermezzo—Cavalleria Rusticana (by request) Mascagni Selection—Italian Melodies Rempezzotti Waltz—Morning Papers Strauss The Italian Anthem. The Star Spangled Banner.

NEW YEAR'S CONCERT.

The concert to be given in the Y. M. C. A. hall next Monday evening will begin at 8 o'clock. Admission will be 25 cents. This is the program as now arranged:

Overture—The Venus Carl Bigge Amateur Orchestra. Tenor Solo Selected C. A. Elston. Harp Solo—Grec de Chanson de Santorino Parish Alvares Madame Munyon. Soprano Solo—Two Loves De Koven Mrs. F. W. Bosworth. Gavotte—Captivating Tohani Amateur Orchestra. Bass Solo Selected F. W. Beardslee. Duet—Mandolin and Guitar—"Dulce Ecceuto" Lombardero Miss Frazier and Chas. R. Frazier. Recitation Miss Jeanne M. Long. Comic Song Selected R. Mueller. March from Athalia Mendelssohn Amateur Orchestra. Musical Director—Wray Taylor.

STABLE CONTRACT.

John Ouderkirk gets the contract for erecting fine new stables for Paul Isenberg at his town residence. These were the figures of the various contractors: John Ouderkirk, \$1,230; H. F. Bertlemann, \$1,347; Chamberlain, \$1,375; Craig, \$1,397; Lucas Brothers, \$1,464; A. Harrison, \$1,950; Fred Harrison, \$2,495.

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BUSINESS MEN'S MEMO.

Thursday, December 29, 1898. Sealed tenders received by Minister of the Interior until noon, December 31, 1898, for the construction of a road from Haeue towards S. Kohala.

Sealed tenders will be received by the Minister of Public Instruction until Monday, January 2, 1899, for two room school house, at Waiakae-kai, Hilo, Hawaii.

Sealed tenders received by the Minister of the Interior until noon of January 3, 1899, for the construction of a road from Honolulu to Kahakuloa, Maui.

Sealed tenders received by the Minister of the Interior until noon of January 3, 1899, for the construction of a road from Nahiku landing.